THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) to (c) 9 proposals were received from the State of Karnataka under the Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme (IIUS), out of which 2 proposals involving Central grant of Rs. 67.66 crores have been sanctioned and 5 proposals have been rejected. The proposals for Auto & Allied Industrial Cluster at Shimoga and Industrial Valves Cluster at Hubli have not been sanctioned since the 10th Plan allocation for the IIUS has already been committed for the sanctioned projects.

Assistance to leather industry for water treatment facilities

1635. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether leather industry has requested for Rs. 100 crore assistance to set up water treatment facilities at the effluent treatment plants for small tanners;

(b) if so, whether any decision has been taken in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) to (d) The Union Government has received proposals to provide assistance as a support measure towards eco-sustainable development of Tanning Sector towards installation of Zero Liquid Discharge System with reject evaporation streams in Effluent Treatment Plants. The Union Government is implementing a plan Scheme, namely, the "Integrated Development of Leather Sector" (IDLS). Leather Industries seeking modernization and technology up-gradation which *inter-alia* includes installation of Effluent Treatment Plants, can avail assistance to the extent of 30% of the cost of plant and machinery for Small Scale Industries and 20% for Non-Small Scale Industries units subject to a ceiling of Rs. 50 lakhs for both categories.